

The Random Jottings of Donald Jay from Nelson in Pendle.

In The late 1960s there was a terrible accident out side of Lamberts wood yard Nelson a Burnley Colne and Nelson bus was in an accident with a wagon the bus driver was killed he was beheaded in the accident now the rout from Brierfield to Nelson is haunted by a phantom bus

In the quiet town of Nelson, nestled in the heart of England, an eerie tale from the late 1960s still sends shivers down the spines of locals. It was a time when the roads were less crowded, and the streets were devoid of the bustling traffic that fills them today. However, there was one particular accident that would forever haunt the route from Brierfield to Nelson.

Just outside Lambert's Wood Yard, where the scent of freshly cut timber hung in the air, tragedy struck. A Burnley Colne and Nelson bus, carrying weary passengers on their daily commute, collided with a massive wagon. The impact was devastating, instantly claiming the life of the bus driver. In a cruel twist of fate, he was tragically beheaded in the accident.

From that fateful day forward, whispers began to circulate about a spectral presence haunting the route between Brierfield and Nelson. Locals claimed to have witnessed a phantom bus travelling along the road, its transparent form gliding silently in the misty twilight. The spectral vehicle was said to be a haunting reminder of the bus driver who had lost his life so tragically. Passengers who found themselves waiting at the desolate bus stops after dusk often spoke of a chilling atmosphere that settled over them, as if an otherworldly presence loomed nearby. Some described hearing disembodied whispers, barely audible yet laden with an inexplicable sorrow. Others claimed to have seen a shadowy figure, dressed in the uniform of a bus driver, staring out from the driver's seat of the phantom bus.

As the years passed, the legends grew, captivating the imagination of locals and enticing thrill-seekers from far and wide. Ghost hunters flocked to the haunted route, armed with cameras and recording devices, hoping to capture evidence of the supernatural. Some reported capturing eerie photographs, revealing ghostly outlines and mysterious orbs of light that danced in the darkness. Over time, the ghostly sightings became part of the fabric of everyday life in Nelson. Children swapped tales around flickering campfires, daring one another to venture out onto the haunted route after nightfall. Adults, too skeptical to believe in the supernatural, couldn't help but cast wary glances out of their car windows as they passed the ominous spot.

Despite the stories, the phantom bus seemed to harbor no malice. It appeared to be forever trapped in a loop, forever replaying the tragic accident that claimed its driver's life. Some believed that the spirit sought closure, unable to rest until justice was served or a final message delivered.

As time marched on, the stories of the haunted bus faded into local lore, blending with the whispers of the past. The phantom bus became a part of Nelson's rich history, an enigmatic reminder of the fragility of life and the lingering power of tragedy.

So, if you ever find yourself traveling through Nelson on a quiet evening, keep an eye out for the ghostly silhouette of an old bus. And remember, tucked away within the eerie mist, the spirit of a bus driver continues his eternal journey, forever traversing the haunted route from Brierfield to Nelson.

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